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SUBJECT: STROESSNER VISIT TO ITALY

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1. ACCORDING FONOFF, JULY 23-25 UNOFFICIAL VISIT OF PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT TO ROME WAS VERY LOW-KEY AND WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCE. ALTHOUGH STROESSNER HAD BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LEONE, HE DID NOT SEE PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER. GREAT MAJORITY OF 60 STRONG ENTOURAGE WERE MILITARY OR BUSINESSMEN. STROESSNER MET WITH POPE AT CASTELGANDOLFO ON JULY 24.

2. MAIN EMPHASIS OF VISIT WAS ON ECONOMIC SIDE ALTHOUGH FONOFF SOURCE MINIMIZED RESULTS IN THIS AREA AS WELL. STROESSNER AND ASSISTANTS CALLED AT MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS AND FOREIGN TRADE AND HAD MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN ENTERPRISES DOING BUSINESS IN PARAGUAY. THOSE MENTIONED WERE ISTITUZIONE PER LA RICOSTRUZIONE ITALIANA (IRI) - LARGE STATE HOLDING COMPANY AND SEVERAL FIRMS CONTROLLED BY IT, INCLUDING ITALIMPIANTI (IRI CONSULTING FIRM INVOLVED IN DESIGN OF INDUSTRIAL PLANTS) AND G.I.E. (CONSORTIUM OF ELECTROMECHANICAL FIRMS IN WHICH IRI PARTICIPATES). VOLPE

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